

Connection

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Grants fund reading materials

Bennett Community School is the recipient of a \$300 Aureon Network Services Charity Grant, plus a \$300 matching contribution from F&B Communications.

Grant funds will be used to purchase a set of Iowa Children's Choice Award books and other reading materials for students in grades 4 through 6. The set of books is annually recommended by students and chosen by librarians throughout Iowa.

The set of books purchased with grant funds along with a set purchased by the school's parent group will enhance access to reading materials for Bennett students.

F&B, the local telecommunications provider in Bennett, is



Bennett upper elementary students enjoy new books thanks to grants.

one of more than 100 Iowa independent telephone company member-owners of Aureon Network Services, which helps to provide advanced telecommunications and data services across the state.

Nearly \$28,000 has been awarded to organizations in the F&B Communications service area in the last 25 years since the charity grant program began.

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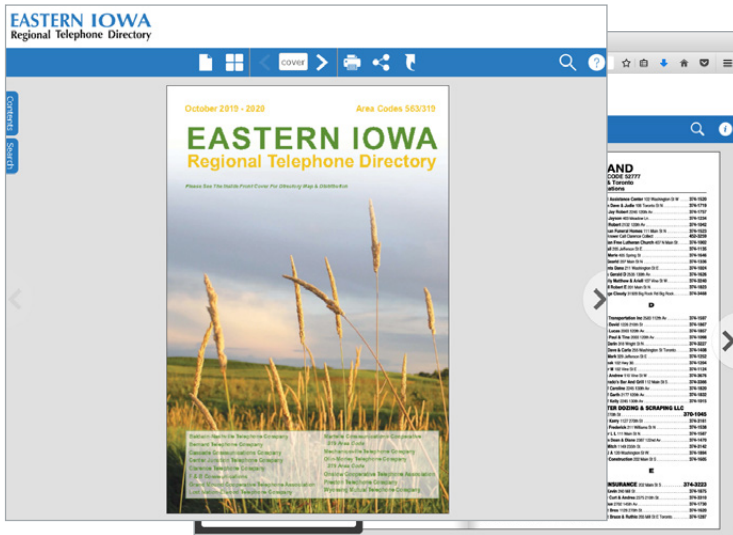
Internet speed upgrade update

In August, we announced a bump in Internet speed for all subscribers. The upgrades for customers in Calamus, Wheatland and surrounding areas along with the rural areas of Bennett, Delmar and Lowden were completed by the end of August.

Most customers in the towns of Bennett, Delmar and Lowden saw their speeds increased in September. Some subscribers in these communities need upgraded equipment and the process to schedule and install the equipment for these customers is actively underway.

We hope you are enjoying the benefits of your faster Internet connection.

New phone directory mailed, online



The new 2019-20 Eastern Iowa Regional Telephone Directory was scheduled to be mailed the last week of September to telephone subscribers.

The directory is also online at www.fbc-tele.com. Both white and yellow page listings are easily searchable.

Look for this year's book; it features a photo of a wheatfield.

The Eastern Iowa Regional Telephone Directory is designated as F&B's official directory and contains listings for many surrounding communities.

Solar interference

If you notice a snowy picture on some of your Skitter TV channels the first two weeks of October in the afternoon hours, do not be alarmed. This is the result of solar interference and a natural event that occurs in the spring and fall.



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Pictured (left to right): Bill Meyer, Aureon; Laura Garrels, Bennett School; Jeremiah Costello, Bennett School; Deb Storjohann, Bennett School; Karis Horstmann, Bennett School; Ken Laursen, F&B Communications

The charity grant program is open to non-profit organizations in the F&B service area. Grant applications are available at the business office in Wheatland or they can be download-

ed online at www.fbc-tele.com. Charity grants are awarded on a quarterly basis and chosen by an independent review committee organized by Aureon.

HIRING

F&B Communications has a job opening for a **Construction Technician**. Duties to include installation of fiber optic cable by operating plowing, digging, boring and other construction equipment. Construction techs also assist with cable locating and service installs and maintenance during the off-season.

The ideal candidate will have experience operating heavy machinery, but F&B will train a high achieving candidate with a desire to learn.

For details and application information, visit <http://www.fbc-tele.com/employment>



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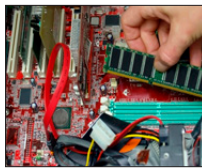
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